AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended)

14. A method for controlling the growth of undesirable harmful plants pre-emergently with a post-emergence herbicide selected from the group consisting of bilanafos, diquat, paraquat, glufosinate, glyphosate and salts thereof ~~which are foliar-acting and substantially taken up by the green parts of the plants only~~, said method comprises applying a herbicidal composition to an environment where said undesirable harmful plant will reside prior to the emergence of said harmful plants,

wherein the herbicidal composition comprises an effective amount of one or more post-emergence herbicides and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof. ~~thereof,~~

~~with the proviso that the herbicidal composition does not comprise paraquat and fuller's earth~~.

Claim 15 (previously presented)

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the environment further comprises a crop of useful plants and the herbicidal composition further comprises a herbicidally active compound to which the crops of useful plants are tolerant.

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (currently amended)

17. A pre-emergence herbicidal composition, which comprises an effective amount of one or more post-emergence herbicides selected from the group consisting of bilanafos, diquat, paraquat, glufosinate, glyphosate and salts thereof ~~which are foliar-acting and substantially taken up by the green parts of the plants only~~ and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular-weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof,

with the proviso that herbicidal compositions comprising paraquat and fuller's earth shall be excluded.

Claim 18 (previously presented)

18. A method for controlling the growth of undesirable harmful plants pre-emergently with a post-emergence herbicide selected from the group consisting of bilanafos, diquat, paraquat, glufosinate, glyphosate and salts thereof, said method comprises applying a herbicidal composition to an environment where said undesirable harmful plants will reside prior to the emergence of said harmful plants and

wherein the environment comprises a crop of useful plants, which are genetically modified, and

the herbicidal composition further comprises a herbicidally active compound to which the crops of useful plants are tolerant,

wherein said herbicidal compositions comprise an effective amount of one or more pre-emergence herbicides and an amount of a carrier material selected from the group consisting of fuller's earth, aerogels, high-molecular weight polyglycols and polymers based on acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and copolymers thereof. ~~thereof,~~

~~with the proviso that herbicidal compositions comprising paraquat and fuller's earth shall be excluded~~.

Claim 19 (currently amended)

19. The method according to claim 14, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is selected from the group consisting of paraquat, glufosinate, glyphosate and salts thereof ~~and glyphosate~~ and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 20 (currently amended)

20. The method according to claim 19, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is paraquat or salts thereof and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 21 (currently amended)

21. The method according to claim 19, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is glufosinate or salts thereof and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 22 (currently amended)

22. The method according to claim 19, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is glyphosate or salts thereof and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 23 (previously presented)

23. The method of claim 19, which further comprises silicon dioxide.

Claim 24 (currently amended)

24. The composition of claim 17, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is selected from the group consisting of paraquat, glufosinate, glyphosate and salts thereof ~~and glyphosate~~ and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 25 (currently amended)

25. The composition according to claim 24, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is paraquat or salts thereof and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 26 (currently amended)

26. The composition according to claim 24, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is glufosinate ammonium and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 27 (currently amended)

27. The composition according to claim 24, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is glyphosate or salts thereof and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 28 (previously presented)

28. The method of claim 24, which further comprises silicon dioxide.

Claim 29 (currently amended)

29. The method according to claim 14, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is selected from the group consisting of diquat, paraquat and bilanafos or salts thereof ~~paraquat, bilanafos, glufosinate and glyphosate~~ and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 30 (currently amended)

30. The composition according to claim 17, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is selected from the group consisting of diquat, paraquat and bilanafos or salts thereof ~~paraquat, bilanafos, glufosinate and glyphosate~~ and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 31 (new)

31. The method according to claim 14, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is selected from the group consisting of glufosinate, glyphosate and salts thereof and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.

Claim 32 (new)

32. The composition according to claim 17, wherein the post-emergent herbicide is selected from the group consisting of glufosinate, glyphosate or salts thereof and the carrier material is a polyacrylate.